

CMS Waiver Clarification From Jason Noreen

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For your awareness, the latest development is the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued a blanket waiver for facilities has been approved by the Governor.

The short version of this CMS waiver is that:

Any facility that wants to train aides is presumptively approved to do so.

Any facility that wants to employ trainees, that is presumptively approved as a training program, can do so.

Document training consistent with the curriculum requirements for the aides that are in rule.

Once documented that they know the skill, they can do it.

Certification requirements will be waived, training requirements must still be met; facilities will assume all training until the CMS waiver is lifted; uncertified aides will be given the opportunity to take the certification exam within 120 days of the waiver expiration.

Be safe,

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